MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible:	yes	
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roperty Name: St. Lawrence Catholic Church	Inventory Number: AA-20
Address: 2821 Jessup Road	Historic district: yes X no
City: Jessup Zip Code: 20794	County: Anne Arundel
USGS Quadrangle(s): Savage	
Property Owner: St. Lawrence Catholic Church	Tax Account ID Number: 01043335
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 12 Tax Map Nur	mber: 13
Project: MD 175: MD 295 to MD 170 Age	ncy: State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration	
Preparer's Name: Melissa Blair	Date Prepared: 6/11/2007
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form and addendum, AA-20 St. Lawren	nce Catholic Church
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommende	ed X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A	B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resou	rce to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number: Eligible:	yes Listed: yes
ite visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)	
Built in 1866, the St. Lawrence Catholic Church is a brick Gothic Revival style the south side of MD 175 in northwestern Anne Arundel County. The church's Historic Sites Inventory Form completed by Donna Ware in 1993. In February description of the church cemetery and of a parish center built in 1972. The St. Lawrence Catholic Church is not eligible for the National Register of Hiregular NRHP criteria, nor does it meet criteria considerations. Religious propelisting in the NRHP. These property types can be eligible if they meet special reprimary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical impor	exterior and interior are described in the State 2007, EHT Traceries provided an updated istoric Places (NRHP). The property does not meet erties and cemeteries are not usually considered for equirements. A religious property must derive its
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simply because it was the place of religious services for a community, or was the oldest structure used by a religious group in a local area. The church is not directly associated with a specific event or a significant pattern or theme in the history of religion that has secular scholarly recognition. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore the property is not recommended eligible under Criterion B. The property is not recommended eligible under Criterion C. The church building is not architecturally or artistically distinct. The cemetery does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance and its age is not exceptional. The cemetery does not have a significant array of gravemarkers or monuments, nor does the funerary art possess artistic or architectural significance or embody characteristics distinctive of a particular period. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

The St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Cemetery lacks historic integrity of setting, design, and feeling. The church and cemetery retain their historic location along Jessup Road (MD 175). The property's historic setting was significantly altered by the construction of MD 295 in the 1950s. The setting has been further altered by the construction of the large parish center and parking lot on the property. The original design of the church was altered by the unsympathetic remodeling of the front entrance in the 1970s and the one-story rear addition in 1949. The church retains many of its historic materials, including the brick exterior, stained glass windows, and interior woodwork. Nineteenth-century workmanship is evident in the stain glass windows and the detailed interior. The property does not evoke the feeling of a nineteenth-century parish church due to overall loss of integrity of setting and design. As the original congregation continues to worship at the church, the property retains its association with the local Catholic community, but it does not convey association with a significant historic event or trend.

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ADDENDUM

The property at 2821 Jessup Road was surveyed in 1992 and an MIHP form was prepared in 1993. The interior of the church was surveyed, but no photographs of the exterior were submitted. Furthermore, the cemetery and parish center associated with the church were not surveyed. In response to a request made by the Maryland State Highway Administration for purposes relating to the MD 175: MD 295 to MD 170, staff from EHT Traceries, Inc. prepared an addendum describing the cemetery and parish center, and submitted black-and-white photographs and color slides of the property.

Section 4: Owner

St. Lawrence Catholic Church c/o Robert R. Kerns Jr. 218 North Charles Street Suite 400 Baltimore, Maryland Baltimore County

Section 7: Description

The church has not undergone any exterior changes since it was surveyed in 1992. The interior was not accessible at the time of the 2007 survey.

The church cemetery is located along the east and south (rear) sides of the church. The paved parking lot forms the western boundary of the cemetery. The eastern edge of the cemetery is bounded by spare but mature vegetation. The cemetery is small and contains approximately seventy-five graves whose dates range from 1864 to 2003. The oldest gravemarker, dating to 1864, predates the construction of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church by two years. The cemetery contains a variety of gravemarkers including tablets, obelisks, slant markers, flush markers and other headstones. The gravemarkers are arranged in rows with families arranged in small groups. There are four obelisks with varying levels of ornamentation: two with crosses, one with an urn, and one with no embellishment. The obelisks are the largest gravemarkers in the cemetery. There are several family headstones with slant markers for each family member. The most recent gravemarker in the cemetery dates to 2003 indicating the site is still active; however, the majority of the gravemarkers date from the turn of the twentieth century. Many prominent families from the surrounding area are interred in the cemetery, including the Blob, Eggerl, Lowekamp, Bruce, and Cannon and families.

Constructed in 1972, a one-story parish center is located west of the church, flanking the western edge of the paved parking lot. One bay in width, the parish center has stretcher-

bond brick facing on the façade; the side and rear elevations are covered with corrugated metal. Metal coping separates the brick facing on the façade from the corrugated metal cladding in the gable end. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and has overhanging eaves, returns, and a raked cornice. The parish center's main entrance is a double-leaf metal door on the east elevation. The doors are topped by a 1-light transom, flanked by 1-light sidelights, and have a flat overhang that shelters the entrance. Fenestration on the north and south elevations consist of 2-light fixed windows with wood spandrel and lintel panels and multiple single-leaf metal doors.

A prefabricated shed associated with the parish center is located in the southwestern portion of the lot. The shed is constructed with T-111 siding and covered by a gambrel roof.

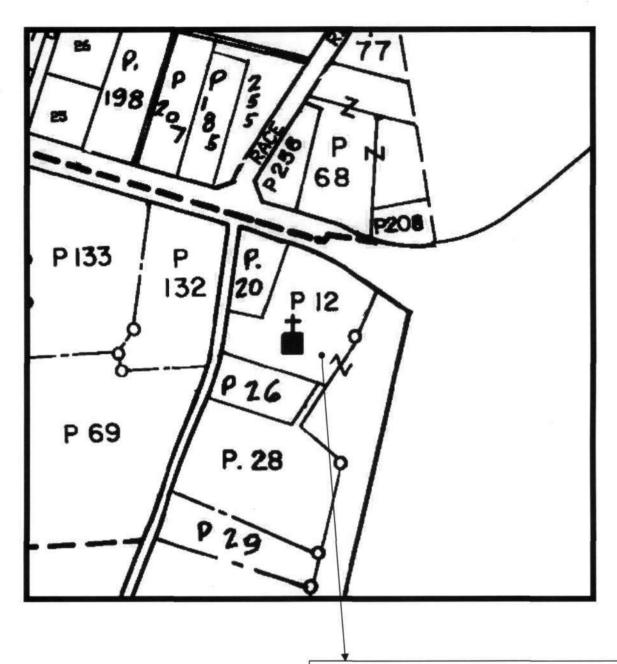
Section 8: Significance

The cemetery at St. Lawrence Catholic Church reflects the settlement and development of Jessup and the surrounding area. The cemetery and church were founded at approximately the same time: 1864 and 1866 respectively. The presence of nearby transportation routes – roads and railroads – during the mid- to late-nineteenth century fostered growth in present-day Jessup and spurred the need for a church. St. Lawrence is the second oldest parish in Anne Arundel County. St. Mary's Catholic Church, the oldest parish in the county, was established in Annapolis in 1853.

The oldest extant gravemarkers in the St. Lawrence cemetery reflect some of the earliest settlement of the area. A large number of gravemarkers date from the 1950s, which demonstrates the heavy period of growth for the communities located along MD 175 from the 1910s through the 1950s. The establishment of Fort Meade on land west of Jessup in 1917 served to increase the area's population and added an influx of new services and light industry that brought even more residents to the area.

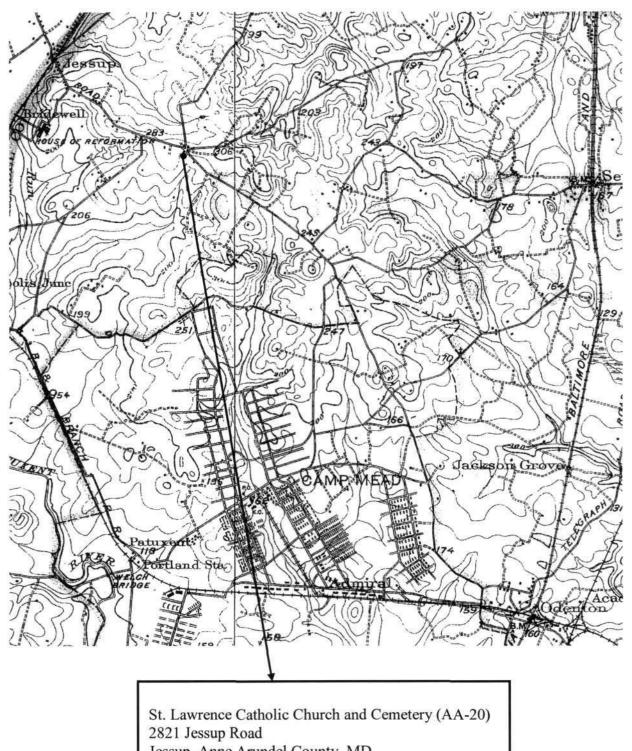
Although the church, cemetery, and parish center reflect settlement trends of Catholics in Jessup, Maryland, and surrounding communities, there are Protestant churches and cemeteries located in the neighboring town of Odenton that provide a broader context for understanding the area's history. Therefore, the church, parish center, and cemetery are not recommended eligible under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the property is not recommended eligible under Criterion B. The cemetery does not have a significant array of gravemarkers or monuments, nor does the funerary art possess artistic or architectural significance or embody characteristics distinctive of a period or that represent that work of a master. Similarly, both the church and the parish center lack stylistic expression and do not embody distinctive characteristics of religious architecture. Therefore, the property is not recommended eligible under Criterion C. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D. Thus, the site at 2821 Jessup Road is not recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under A, B, and C.

¹ "History of the Catholic Church," http://www.archbalt.org/our-history/history-catholic-church.cfm accessed March 2, 2007.



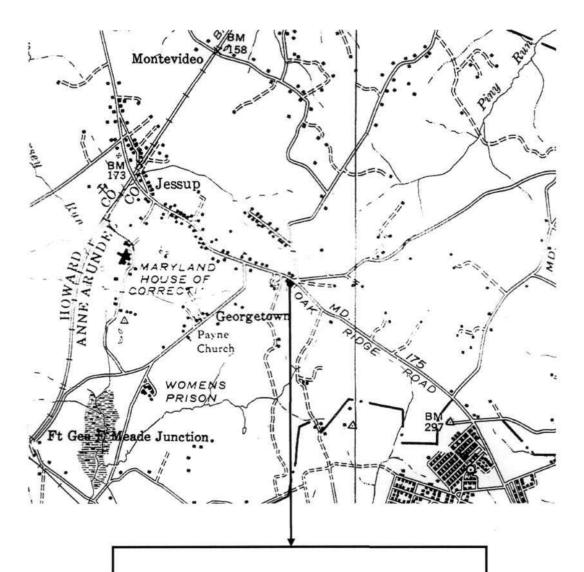
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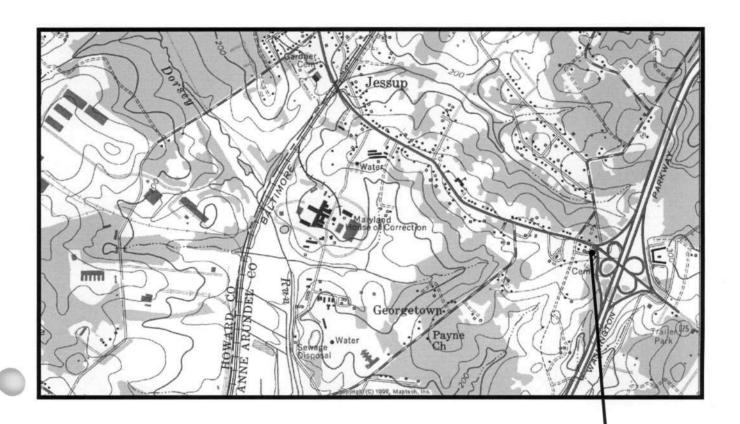
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1924 Topographic Map of Anne Arundel County



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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Built in 1866, St. Lawrence Catholic Church is a small, rectangular, Gothic Revival style, brick church with a gable roof. The exterior design is simple and restrained while the interior, reveals a higher style of Victorian decoration with an Italianate influence.

The church is built of brick laid in random common bond and rests on a reddish-brown foundation. Above the stone rises a brick foundation of 5 courses which is capped with a beveled watertable. Recessed brick panels with Gothic arches articulate the exterior wall surfaces of both the east and west elevations and are pierced with 5 Gothic style windows with stained glass.

The church is oriented with the gable front entrance facing north. The narthex, nave and chancel are part of the original church building with the sacristy added to the rear of the church in 1949.

The narthex extends slightly from the front of the church and has a gable roof. The brick side elevations of the narthex have recessed segmental arch panels. In the 1970s new glass doors were installed at the entrance. Italianate style door trim and wooden door were removed at this time as well as an ornate wooden steeple. Old photographs (in the possession of the church) reveal the details of the original entran and steeple.

Just inside the church entrance is the narthex. There are white marble steps on the left which lead to a balcony. The floor of the narthex is also white marble, but it has been covered with a carpet. Both side walls of the narthex have marble wainscoting. It consists of a wide band of dark-rose colored marble above a narrow black slate chairrail molding. Below are alternating panels of brown and grey marble. The center of the entire composition, there is one recessed panel of brown marble surrounded by a narrow molding of white marble. The base-board is a light rose or peach colored marble. There is a small rose-colored marble font for holy water on the left side of the doorway leading into the nave of the church.

The church nave is organized around a central aisle leading to the chancel with pews on either side. At the rear of the nave is the balcony which contains the organ and some seating. The balcony is supported by two fluted cast iron columns on either side of the aisle.

The walls of the nave are decorated with a very ornate wainscoting. It is wood and is four and one-half feet high. The frieze consists of small Corinthian columns supporting a series of Gothic arches. Below the frieze is beaded board paneling with intermittent reeding.

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The following is an excerpt from "A Brief History of St. Lawrence Martyr Parrish:"

St. Lawrence Church was constructed and dedicated in September 1866. The dedication ceremony is described in the following excerpt from the holic Mirror the official diocese newspaper), dated September 29, 1866:

On Sunday last the dedication of the Church of St. Lawrence, at Jessup's Cut, took place under circumstances of a particularly interesting character. A long train of cars, containing the Most Rev. Archbishop Spalding, the Rev. Fathers Gibbons, Dougherty, Weyrick, Berger, Rev. Father Wiget, and the Rev. Father De Wulf (sic), together with about 400 of the laity, left the Camden street depot at three o'clock. They were met at the "Cut" by a large delegation from Washington, and a goodly number of people of the surrounding neighborhood.

Immediately a procession was formed, headed by the venerable Archbishop and clergy. It was truly a pleasing, as well as imposing affair. Arriving at the church, the ceremony of dedication commenced. It was witnessed by the large concourse of people, many of whom were Protestants, with a silence worthy of its imposing character. At the conclusion the Archbishop delivered an address full of interest and beauty.

After the ceremonies closed the people marched to the station and soon reached their homes in safety. The hospitalities of the neighborhood were liberally extended to the guests, by M. Bannon, Esq., E. G. Kilbourne, Esq., and others, and every one returned pleased with his visit to Jessup's Cut.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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"A Brief History of St. Lawrence Martyr Parrish" -no author, 1989.

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural/Industrial Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Religion/Religion

Resource Type:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
 Religious

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The window trim has a deeply molded profile with deeply molded rectangular corner blocks. The windows are favrille glass in a diamond-mullioned style with fleur-de-lis at the bottom and top of each window.

The balcony is highly ornamental with Italiante style wood trim (see photographs).

The floor of the church nave has been covered with carpeting -- it is unknown whether the floor is marble. Historic photographs show the chancel floor as white marble with a diamond-shaped black marble pattern.

The ceiling of the nave was lowered slightly during one of the refurbishments. The ceiling is coved above the cornice molding.

Gothic-arched, paneled doors, which are set at an angle, flank the chancel area. The door trim includes corner blocks incised with crosses. The right door leads to the Sacristy which was added in 1949 and the left leads to a small room.

The chancel or apse contains the altar which is made of rose, grey and white marble. The wainscoting in the chancel area is similar to that in the narthex. It consists of a wide band of grey marble above a narrow black slate chairrail molding. Below are alternating panels of rose and grey marble. The center of each panel has a recessed panel of a contrasting color of marble (either rose or peach) surrounded by a narrow molding of white marble.

A large oil painting of the Crucifixion hangs against the back of the apse, over the alter. The painting is of unknown date, artist or origin. Some members of the church are in the process of researching it.

The interior of the church has undergone at least 3 refurbishments: in 1949 when the sacristy was added; in 1966 when the new organ was installed; and in 1977 when new carpets were added, the pews were repaired and restored and the interior was painted.

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St Lawrence Church, served as a mission church of St. Augustine Parish in Elkridge from 1866 until 1921. During these years additional land was conveyed to the church: in 1889 Elizabeth A. Kilbourne gave 50 acres and in 1906 James Bannon gave approximately 23 acres, half of which was sold the following year.

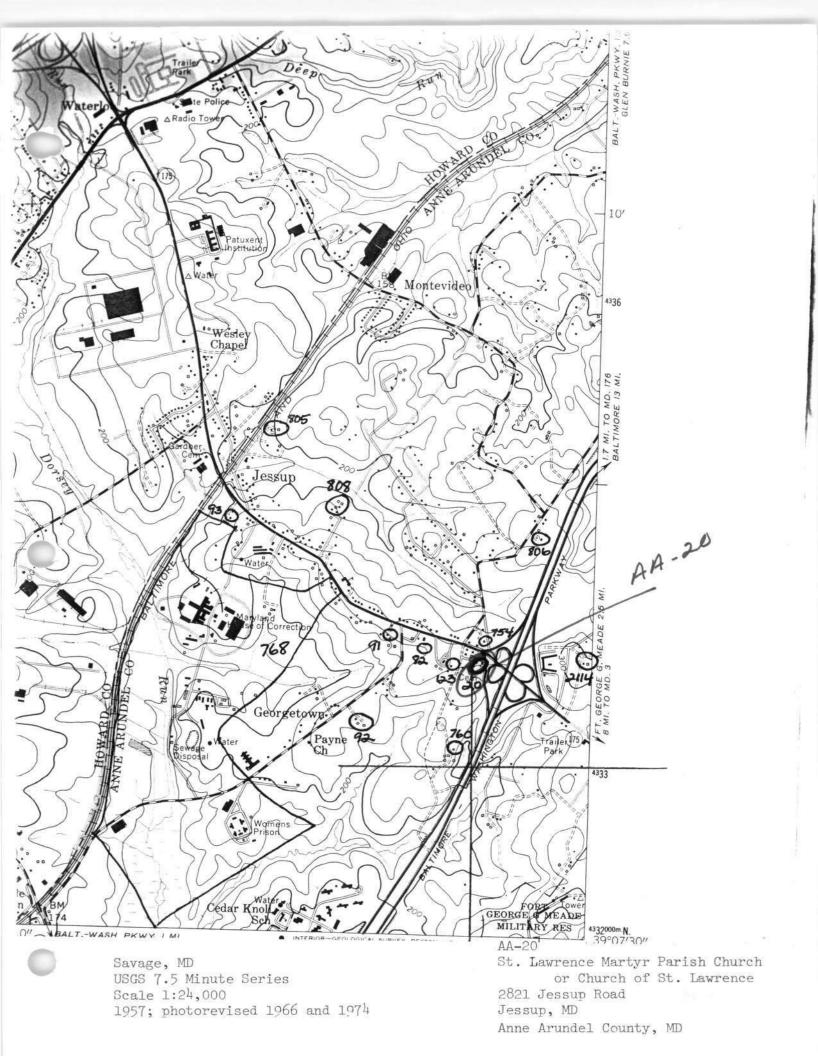
In 1921 the mission church of St. Lawrence was elevated to the status of an independent parish and Father Andrew J. Conlon was appointed as the first resident pastor. At that time a seven acre parcel of property about a mile from the church was purchased for use as the parish rectory. It continued to serve as rectory until 1989, when a new rectory was built on Clark Road in Hanover.

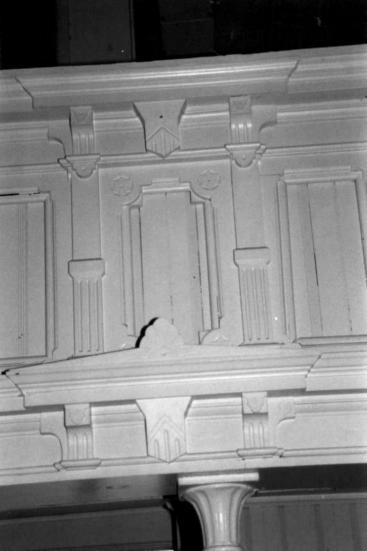
The town of Jessup grew around the intersection of the Old Annapolis Road (Rt. 175) and the Washington Branch of the B&O Railroad which was opened in 1835. It has changed names several times including: Pierceland Station; Hooversville P.O.; Jessup's Cut; and finally Jessup. By the 1870s, Jessup was a typical Anne Arundel County crossroads village consisting of a general merchandise store, blacksmith shop, post office and railroad surrounded by an extensive farming community.

The location of nearby iron ore banks and clay deposits brought a certain level of prosperity to Jessup. The ore was mined for the iron furnaces in nearby Elkridge and Muirkirk.

The surviving buildings in Jessup reflect a higher degree of prosperity than in other Anne Arundel County villages. There are several elaborate examples of Italianate houses built in the 1860s, 70s and 80, e.g. Trusty Friend (AA-123), Asa Linthicum House (AA-91), and Ringgold House (AA-92). Others were torn down or destroyed by fire, e.g. the Charles Feeley House, the Elsey/Jones House and the Smith/Rappaport House (AA-82).

St. Lawrence Church was constructed in the midst of Jessup's architectural heyday, and reflects the same Italianate influences found in surviving neighboring houses.



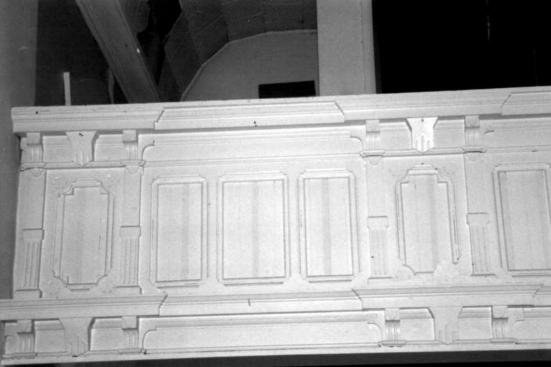


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